

THE FORUM



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President's Message Arlene Groch aggroch@mac.com

Dear Members,

Last evening 36 of us gathered together and shared the pleasure of seeing old friends and learning together from Phylliss Merion Shanken, Psychologist, Author and Writing Consultant. For 4 years she has also taught two FELS classes: Psychology of Everyday Relationships & ITS HOW YOU TELL THE STORY: Creative Writing. The discussion that ensued was lively, with members sharing personal challenges and awakenings and discussing ways we are dealing with the stressors in today's rapidly changing world.

Stimulating programs and discussions are something AAUW members have done for decades. But this time we did it in via iPads, computers and cell phones. All 36 participants signed into Zoom with an ease that belied the insulting image of older women lost to today's technology. Cudos to all of us!

As you can see from Jackie's Program Committee Report, her committee has continued to meet and work during the shutdown; they have nimbly adjusted our previously planned programs to this new reality.

The Finance committee, ably led by Lois Fried, has a small but diverse and talented Committee prepared to execute whatever decisions the full Board makes to resolve all Trust Fund issues at our upcoming April 30th Board meeting. At that time the Board will consider and vote on the following motion initially passed at the February Branch meeting at the Northfield Library. Since many members missed that meeting, here is a copy of what was unanimously adopted then. However, to assure full transparency, I decided to put it up for reconsideration and decision by the Board on April 30th. For clarification: recommendations by the Finance and Scholarship committees for expenditures from the Trust Fund will, of course, continue to be decided by Board vote.

It is hereby moved that AC-AAUW

- 1) Terminate the existing trust and trustee,
- 2) Transfer the trust funds to a new fund to be created with the Community Fund of South Jersey as Trustee,
- 3) Create that new AAUW-AC Trust with the purpose stated as: "to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research".
- 4) Continue to fund raise in cooperation with AWCO to best advance our mutual goals, and
- 5) Authorize the finance committee of Lois Fried, Jacalyn Shelley-Tasoff, Beverly Schechtman, Carol Zerbe, Lynne Caterson and Arlene Groch to complete these transactions.

Finally, we now also have a Bylaws committee to recommend modernization of our Bylaws. Jackie has graciously offered to take on that responsibility as well, with the support of members Lynn Caterson, Mary Maudsley, Carolyn Bassett, Stella Hordes, Gail Zona and Joan Leavy.

ZOOM DATES: 4/26. 10 am Finance Committee; 4/26 1 pm Program Committee;
4/30 7 pm Board Meeting.

From your editor, Joan Leavy sk8s2@comcast.net: My term is over. I wish the next editor the very best in bringing our members the Forum and keeping us current and informed. Thanks to those who have appreciated my efforts.

Program Jacalyn Shelley-Tasoff jacalyn_shelley2003@yahoo.com



Committee meeting via Zoom

The Committee has been busy adapting to our new shelter-in-place world and learning how to use ZoomVideo to provide programming we think will be of interest to you. We had our first virtual meeting “Coping with Change,” facilitated by Phyllis Shanken, on April 23rd.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 12th at 7 pm live from ACCC Chef Kelly McClay, Dean of the Academy of Culinary Arts, will host a cooking demonstration via Zoom. Her recipe and suggested wines are attached. This will be a RSVP program coordinated by **Linda Karp**. **If you plan to attend, please let her know you’re coming no later than May 7th. Her email is lindakarp@gmail.com.** Because Dean McClay will host this Program meeting via Zoom, she will send out the Zoom invitation sometime before the May 12th meeting.

Academy of Culinary Arts AAUW Cooking Demonstration. May 12, 7 pm Via Zoom

Shopping / ingredient list: Pork or Chicken Milanese for 4 servings:

4 center cut pork chops or 2 large chicken breast (boneless / skinless)

¼ cup all-purpose flour	2 ripe plum tomatoes
2 eggs.	2 cups fresh arugula
1 cup panko bread crumbs	½ cup balsamic vinegar
¼ cup parmesan cheese	Salt and pepper
4 Tbsp. olive oil (plus 1 for greens)	
1 Tbsp maple syrup	Two fresh lemons

Wine suggestions:

With Pork: Cabernet Sauvignon or if you want to hold on to the Italian theme A nice Barbaresco

With Chicken: Sauvignon Blanc or for the classic Italian paring a 2011 Palazzone Orvieto Terre Vineate

Future Programs

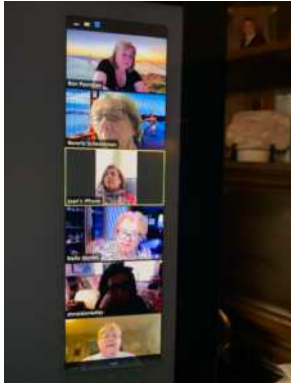
With the 2020 election in November, we’re planning to host fall programs on topics such as Gerrymandering and Voter Suppression. If you have ideas for upcoming programs, please contact me at Jacalyn_Shelley2003@yahoo.com.

Treasurer Bev Schechtman bevschech@hotmail.com

Thank you to all who have paid dues online or sent their checks to me. Just a reminder, dues are \$79.00. Since we operate on a fiscal year, the dues you are now paying are good from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Please try to pay dues before the end of June. If not using the link, which I sent you in April, to pay online, please make check payable to AAUW Atlantic County Branch and mail to me at 100 S. Berkley Sq. Unit 9G, Atlantic City, NJ 0840. Thank you.

Scholarship Karen Poorman Karenpoormansjawe@gmail.com

Scholarship committee



The scholarship committee held a zoom meeting to choose recipients for the summer Rowan University band camp and discuss the implications of Corona-19 on other scholarships. The scholarship committee then "zoomed" with the finance committee to discuss future funding for scholarships.

Facebook Karen Poorman.

The Facebook closed group page is active and members should check it. Be aware of the difference between the Facebook open page and the closed group. Everyone on Facebook can read the open page. Only those who are members of a closed group can see the contents of that group and only AAUW Atlantic members can join the closed group. You must either ask to join or be invited. It is named "AAUW Atlantic members." All AAUW Atlantic members will be accepted. Pictures, videos, announcements and articles that members consider to be of interest are posted on the closed group. If you scroll the group page, you can see a several year history of the branch meetings and events. Share pictures of your zoom meetings or share information that you think would interest other members that is not already commonly posted on members' walls.

STEM Gail Davis ghath@comcast.net

I want to thank my interview team as we were able to get our interviews done 'just' before schools closed 🍌. It appears we will receive 7 spots; however, we have had to postpone camp this year and plan to have two camps next year, July 18-25 for this year's campers who will be 8th graders and next year's selections July 25-31. There were many things to consider: insurance, camp regulations, Stockton, and Governor Murphy. Availability notices have been sent to all nominated candidates and those who have applied to see if they would be available over a year from now.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to help at camp – I hope you can participate in 2021.

I know there are many worthy organization soliciting funds at this time, but I urge you to consider Tech Trek, NJ, as we will need DOUBLE (🙄) funding next year for this ambitious 2 weeks of camp. Please contact me if you need ways to donate. 609-513-6281.

I hope you all are well, following the rules and staying safe.

INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish Jeannette Flax jcflax@yahoo.com

Thanks to the technological knowledge of some of our members, we have begun meeting via Zoom on Mondays from 4:00 to 6:00. If you would like to join us, please contact me (609) 653-6177.

Book Group Mary Lou Breidenstine breidensti@aol.com

The June 3 Book Group discussion of "The Testaments" has been postponed until further notice. Plans for our summer meetings will hopefully follow our usual pattern. All meetings are on Friday mornings at 10:30 at the home of Mary Lou Breidenstine. The focus will be on women writers of British heritage. These women are not well-known to us today but are certainly worthy of our attention. All were quite popular during their lifetimes.

The schedule is as follows:

July 10: "The Doll's House" and "Miss Brill" by Katherine Mansfield. Both short stories are available on line.

July 17: "The Pursuit of Love" by Nancy Mitford.

July 24: "The Prime of Miss Jean Brody" and "The Abbess of Crewe" by Muriel Spark. Two novels but both are very short. "The Abbess" is a satire on Watergate.

For our first meeting in the fall we will read "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver. This novel revolves around the founding of Vineland, N.J. as a Utopian community by Charles Landis. The plot alternates between a family currently living in a historic house on the corner of Sixth and Plum street and the alcohol free utopian society base on agriculture and progressive thinking.

New people are always welcome. See all of you in July. (I hope.)

Travel Group Carolyn Bassett geoca41@gmail.com

We will re-schedule our two missed travel groups on Japan and the Dordogne region of France for next year. I would guess that most of us have not been traveling lately, but you might think of some recent trips you took in the past to suggest for next year. One of our members was on an extended vacation in Spain when the virus hit, so she could tell us an interesting tale of before and then her escape! Be safe, and see you in the fall. (I hope)


For A More Equal Society Carolyn Bassett

Since we are a small discussion group, we are continuing to meet using ZOOM. We are reading and discussing "How To Be an Anti-Racist" as well as related topics. Please contact Carolyn if you would like to be included. Phone: 609-927-9095.

Film Group Terry Dailey johnd4photo@aol.com

As you already know, due to the COVID 19 situation, no films are scheduled in May as no one knows when gatherings may restart. Those on the film group list will continue to receive my emails with suggestions showing on TV and streaming. A special shout out to our book group friends and, especially, Kit Lok, for suggestions. At this point, I do not know if there will continue to be a Film Group in the fall. I do not know if the Tilton can survive this and if people will feel safe congregating even by September. If I know I will let you know in the September Forum which will come out in late August. If the group as it was can not continue, I will still try to periodically suggest a film in a regular theater like we used to do and let those who care to see it gather do so. Please stay well so that we can see each other in the future.


From Tula Christopoulos: It's free, a cultural event as well as educational and interesting for all at home. Members need to email me at fhs@stockton.edu if they want to register to attend.




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TIME: 2pm to 2:45pm each week for three Sundays in a row
PLACE: The Comfort of Your Home – *Get a glass of Greek wine (or ouzo) & a meze. Sit back and enjoy!*
SPEAKERS: Catherine Karathanasis; Mariea Kazantzis; Manya Bean, Ph.D.

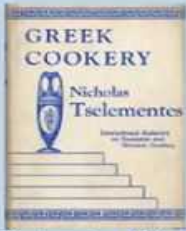
This virtual event is made possible through ZOOM and the support of Stockton University.

- You MUST reply by email to Tula at: fhs@stockton.edu
- You will receive easy instructions on how to register for the event. Deadline 5/1/2020
- Your computer must have audio speakers.

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